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# SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

**125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park, NY 11729**

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**The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 11, 2026**

## **PARISH OFFICE:**

**Tel:** (631) 667-4044

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Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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Sunday - closed

## **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY:**

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Other hours: by appointment only.**

Cell: 631-275-7116 - Fax: 631-392-1070

## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES:**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm (*Vigil Mass*).

**Sunday:** 8:00 am, 9:30 am (*Family Mass*),  
11:00 am (*live stream*),  
12:30 pm, 6:00 pm.

**Weekdays:** 8:30 am, 12:15 pm.

**Saturday:** 8:30 am.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

- Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass.
- Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

■ **BAPTISMS:** Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class. ■ **WEDDINGS:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and prior to wedding reception plans. Call the Parish Office to make an appointment for the initial intake. ■ **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister. ■ **ANointing OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office or call (631) 667-4044, ext. 9, outside office hours.

## **PASTORAL STAFF:**

- Rev. Fr. Anthony Saliba, *Pastor*, (ext. 121 / email: [franthony@sscmdp.org](mailto:franthony@sscmdp.org)).
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- Ms. Allison Taibi, *Bookkeeper*, (ext. 111).
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- Mrs. Celica Villegas-King, *Principal at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School*, [cvillegas-king@olgschools.org](mailto:cvillegas-king@olgschools.org)



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 12</b>
8:30 AM:	Lina Morlacci
12:15 PM:	Jack Lynch
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 13</b>
8:30 AM:	Raymond Sanfilippo
12:15 PM:	David Fahy
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 14</b>
8:30 AM:	Caroline Kelly
12:15 PM:	With Joanne Tamarah Voyard's Intentions.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 15</b>
8:30 AM:	For the deceased members of the Fenice and Messina Families.
12:15 PM:	James Goulding
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 16</b>
8:30 AM:	Robert Wallace
12:15 PM:	Dorothy Congro
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 17</b>
8:30 AM	The Purgatorial Society.
5:00 PM	Mario Diaz, Stanley Horodnicki, Joan J. Giarratano, Donald J. Martino, and with Galby Celestyn Je's intentions.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
8:00 AM	For Our Parishioners.
9:30 AM	Emma Shokey
11:00 AM	Richard Charles Staufenberg, Arthur & Hector Pichardo.
12:30 PM	Constance Della Peruto
6:00 PM	Aurora Ilagan

## **Presiders for next week Masses:**

### **Saturday, January 17:**

5:00 PM: Fr. Greg

### **Sunday, January 18:**

8:00 AM: Fr. Noel

9:30 AM: Fr. Noel

11:00 AM: Fr. Greg

12:30 PM: Fr. Anthony

6:00 PM: Fr. Anthony

## **BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE**

Christa Erario, Timothy A. Beaumont,  
Anthony T. Borrelli, Michael A. Breier,  
Frank Colangelo, Sheila Ann McGill

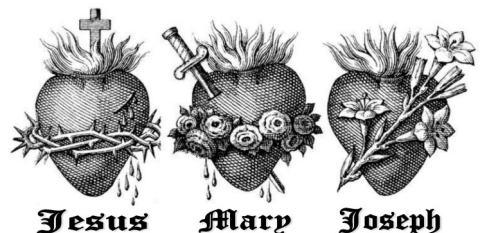
## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Joyce Ratushny, Kristen Tonnesen, Brendan Gould, Olivia Marie, Baby Marina Grace, Baby Ryan Crystal LaCalamita, Catherine O'Neill, Owen Chapman, Connie Rigert, Mike Rodriguez, Penny Dowd, Mike (Repel) Muller Jr., Grayson Danielski, Joan Mecionis, Janina Wiczynski, Billy Davi, James Antwon Williams, Frank Iannacchino, Carl Zajac, Baby Gianna, Michael Wright, Rosemarie Barbato, Patricia Weber, Jennifer McDonald, Tom Welch, F. Ferrante, Alma Patrinos, Theresa Pepe, Joan Bozza, Jose Viera, Rochelle Chawner, Michaele Buckley, Lisa Hulsen, Marie Cipriano Merrifield, Sandra Gusavara, David Kriegsman, Dea Compitello, Lisa Sessa, Ms.Terri, Giavanna Walters, Madeline Palladino, Marissa Ann Vasquez, Michela Perrotta, Diana Walsh, Allan Helmbrecht, Frank Caldane Sr, Raffaella Iannucci, Stephanie Santomauro, Jimmy D'Acunti, Donald Martino, Stanley Urbanowski, Patricia Ann McNulty, Kai Branch, Tim Brown, Ann M. Basile, Joseph DeSena, Robert Lodi, Gerard Lanni, Nick Libretti, Al Arena Eileen Hickey, Patricia Laine, Michael Petrillo, Margaret McDermott, Parker Davis, Lois McLoughlin, Vincent Gabriel Pulciani.

## **PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN**

Luis Xzavier Maldonaldo, *Army National Guard.*  
Corporal Louis Muniz, *US Marines.*  
Isaiah Adams, *US Air Force Airman.*  
Sgt. William Bozzello, *US Marines.*  
Corporal Joseph Kirsch, *US Marines.*  
Lance Corporal Allen Kirsch, *US Marines.*  
Miguel Angel Rodriguez Osorio, *Army NG.*  
Damian Fernandez, *US Air Force.*

Email [jloring@sscmdp.org](mailto:jloring@sscmdp.org) to add a name to our prayer list.



**Jesus Mary Joseph**

## From the Pastor's Desk



### Called “Beloved” at the Jordan

With the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Church brings the Christmas season to a solemn close. In the Gospel Reading taken from that of Matthew (3:13–17), Jesus steps into the waters of the Jordan to be baptized by John - an act filled with humility and profound meaning. Though sinless, **Our Lord chooses to stand among us**, teaching from the very beginning of His public ministry that God draws near not through power, but through loving closeness.

As Jesus rises from the water, the heavens open, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father’s voice is heard: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Before Jesus performs a miracle or preaches a word, **He is affirmed in love**. This moment reveals not only who Jesus is, but also **who we are called to be**. Through our own baptism, we too have been claimed as beloved sons and daughters of God.

As we move now into Ordinary Time, may we live each day grounded in this baptismal identity: trusting in God’s love and striving to reflect it in our words and actions.

I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to our beautiful Christmas celebrations. To our music ministry, choir members, liturgical ministers, altar servers, sacristans, lectors, so many volunteers who decorated the church, and all who worked behind the scenes - **thank you for your dedication and generosity**. And thank you to our parish family for your prayerful presence, which made each celebration truly joyful and faith-filled.

May the grace of this holy season continue to guide us in the days ahead.

Fr. Anthony

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

##### #1012 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: *Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7.*

*Psalms 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10.*

2nd Reading: *Acts 10: 34-38.*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:13-17.*

#### HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY:

Baptized in Water, **#903.**

O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God, **#902.**

Here I Am, Lord, **#777.**

City of God, **766.**

**(All Masses, except Sunday at 6 PM.)**



# CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

## “Behold the Light: God With Us!”

Today, Sunday, January 11 –

### The Baptism of the Lord:

- Renewal of our own Baptismal Vows at all Masses.
- After the 9:30 AM Mass: Coffee After Mass.





# TUESDAY, JANUARY 13



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**from 1 - 7 PM**

## The PARISH HOLY HOUR

from 7:00 - 8:00 PM - led by Fr. Anthony

**The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Lk 18:9–14)**

*Humility and repentance as the path to renewal.*

Theme for the Parish Holy Hours every month:

**“The Parables of Jesus: Lessons for the Heart”**

*Each month we will reflect on a Parable of Our Lord,  
discovering how His words shape our lives  
and draw us closer to Him.*

# LIFT THEIR NAMES TO HEAVEN

## A Prayerful Tribute of Love

*Consider offering a Holy Mass for a loved one - living or deceased - as a powerful act of love, prayer, and remembrance. These sacred intentions unite us in Christ and bring grace to those we hold dear.*

### Available Mass Intentions:



February 8: 11:00 am  
February 20: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.  
February 23: 8:30 am  
February 25: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.  
February 27: 12:15 pm.  
March 1: 11:00 am  
March 2: 8:30 am.  
March 4: 8:30 am & 12:15 pm.  
March 5: 12:15 pm.  
March 8: 8:00 am & 11:00 am.  
March 9: 12:15 pm.  
March 15: 8:00 am  
March 16: 12:15 pm.  
March 18: 8:30 am.  
March 22: 9 :30 am. & 11:00 am.& 6:00 pm  
March 24: 12:15 pm.  
March 25: 12:15 pm.

*To arrange a Mass intention,  
kindly call or visit the Parish Office  
during regular hours.*

## Surround Them with Light and Prayer

In addition to Masses, Parishioners are also encouraged to consider offering the following Memorials: ■ **Altar Candles: \$25;** ■ **Candles at Our Lady's Shrine and St. Joseph's Shrine: \$25;** ■ **Bread & Wine: \$50;** ■ **Flowers at the Shrines of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph: \$50;** ■ **Altar flowers: \$50 per vase or \$100 for both vases.** These Memorials are a beautiful way to bring light, beauty, and prayer into our Church while remembering our loved ones in a special way.

***Please contact the Parish Office during regular hours  
to arrange a Memorial offering.***



# SAVE THE DATES

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Join us for two joyful parish traditions:

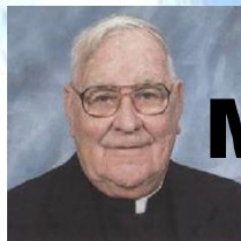
**20th annual Msgr. Rooney Golf Outing**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 2026**



**Thursday, July 16**  
**till Sunday, July 19:**

**Ss Cyril & Methodius Family Festival**

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# Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus Rooney Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

Wednesday, **JUNE 10, 2026** + Timber Point Country Club, Great River

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12:00 PM LUNCH AND REGISTRATION  
2:00 PM SHOTGUN START  
6:30 PM COCKTAIL HOUR AT SSCM  
7:30 PM DINNER, COFFEE, TEA AND DESSERT

FOR INFO,

PLEASE CALL:

**DCN. PHIL MILLS**  
(631) 667-4044 X 110

**Allison Taibi**  
(631) 667-4044 X 111

**PRIZES INCLUDE:** Closest to Pin, Closest to Pin  
Second Shot, Longest Drive (60 and over, 70 and  
over, 80 and over and 60 and under).

**SPONSORS NEEDED FOR:** Tee/Greens: \$125; Flag  
Sponsor: \$170; Driving Range: \$300; Beverage Cart:  
\$1000; Golf Carts: \$1000; Cocktail Hour: \$1000;  
Dinner: \$1000; Dessert: \$1000; Barbeque: \$1000

**We are in need of prizes for our raffles:**

**Gift Cards**

**or Store Gift Certificates**  
**in the \$10 - \$25 range.**  
**New bottles of Liquor.**

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**ALL MONEY DUE BY JUNE 1**



**70**  
**Anniversary**  
1956 - 2026

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## Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Prepaid seat assignments
- All airport taxes & fuel surcharges
- Accommodations in first class, centrally located hotels:
  - 1 night: Oct 12 - 13: Lumen Lisboa Hotel or Hotel Marques De Pombal, Lisbon, Portugal
  - 2 nights: Oct 13 - 15: Hotel Santa Maria, Fatima, Portugal
  - 1 night: Oct 15 - 16: Abba Fonseca, Salamanca, Spain
  - 1 night: Oct 16 - 17: Abba Burgos, Burgos, Spain
  - 3 nights: Oct 17 - 20: Grand Hotel Moderne, Lourdes, France
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Free WiFi & Water on bus
- Assistance of local guide throughout
- Whisper headsets (where needed)
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)

## Not Included:

- Meals not highlighted above, tips for guide and driver, personal expenses

## Optional:

- Travel Protection, Cancel for any Reason Waiver

## Sample Daily Itinerary:

- Day 1 | Sun, Oct 11: Depart USA for Lisbon
- Day 2 | Mon, Oct 12: Arrive in Lisbon
- Day 3 | Tue, Oct 13: Lisbon - Santarem - Fatima
- Day 4 | Wed, Oct 14: Fatima
- Day 5 | Thu, Oct 15: Fatima - Salamanca
- Day 6 | Fri., Oct 16: Salamanca - Alba de Tormes - Avila - Burgos
- Day 7 | Sat, Oct 17: Burgos - Loyola - Lourdes
- Day 8 & 9 | Sun Oct 18 to Mon Oct 19: Lourdes
- Day 10 | Tue, Oct 20: Return Home



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# THANK YOU!

## ***Stewardship***

### DECEMBER 21, 2025

Regular Collection	\$17,880.50
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,202.48</u>
Total	\$19,082.98

### DECEMBER 28, 2025

Regular Collection	\$14,895.50
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,890.12</u>
TOTAL	\$16,785.62

### JANUARY 4, 2026

Regular Collection	\$16,999.00
Online Giving	<u>\$ 1,281.15</u>
TOTAL	\$18,280.15

### CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2025

Goal = \$125,200

\$67,939.00 pledged (54.26% of Parish Goal)

### CHRISTMAS TOTALS AS OF

#### DECEMBER 30, 2025

Christmas	\$71,763.52
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5,472.00
1000 Lights	\$10,509.00

### **PARISH FINANCIAL CONDITION**

This week we are up **\$780.15** to reach the weekly collection goal of **\$17,500** in order for our parish not to operate on a deficit.

Year to date: (\$11,310.00)

***Thank you for your generous support to our Parish Family.***

**VANCO**  
FAITH

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to express **my deepest gratitude** for your **remarkable generosity** during the Christmas celebration. Your kindness and support have greatly enriched our parish, enabling us to honor the birth of our Savior with reverence and joy.

May the Lord, who graciously gave us His Son, bless you abundantly and fill your hearts with peace and grace throughout the year ahead.

***Fr. Anthony***

# The Meaning of Our 70th Anniversary Logo



As we celebrate seventy years since the founding of our Parish, this anniversary logo has been carefully designed to tell our story - **past, present, and future** - in a single image.

At **the heart of the logo** are Saints Cyril and Methodius, our patron

saints. They stand as teachers and shepherds, reminding us that our Parish was founded upon the proclamation of the Word of God and the unity of faith and culture.

The **circular seal** speaks of continuity and faithfulness across generations. For seventy years, countless parishioners have been baptized, married, forgiven, and commended to God within this sacred community. The circle reminds us that the Church is not merely a building, but a living body, ever ancient and ever new.

The colors are equally intentional. **Deep blue** evokes faith and stability - virtues that have sustained the parish through changing times. It also recalls the heavens, lifting our eyes toward God. **Gold** represents hope and thanksgiving. It honors the sacrifices of those who came before us and reflects the enduring value of a faith handed on with love. The **flowing lines**, then, suggest a journey, rooted in tradition, yet moving forward with confidence into the future, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Together, this logo is more than a commemorative image. It is **a profession of faith** and **a word of gratitude**. It proclaims that what began in 1956 by God's grace continues today by that same grace. As the Psalmist reminds us: **"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy"** (Psalm 126:3).

May this 70th anniversary renew in us a grateful memory, a living faith, and a joyful hope for the years yet to come.



# A Life of Faith in Action

## *Parish Ministries & Devotions*

- ♦ **INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY:** If you are interested in joining together in fellowship and prayer, please contact **Donna Dixon**, at **631-664-5692**.
- ♦ **ALTAR SERVERS:** We are looking for boys and girls in 3rd grade or above to become part of our Altar Server Ministry. For more information, call **Fr. Chris**, at **631-667-4044, ext.165**.
- ♦ **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Held **Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church**. This perpetual novena fosters a personal relationship with Mary, who always leads us to her Son, Jesus.
- ♦ **FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION:** Gathers every **Friday from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm in the Church**. Our Mother is asking for our help! Won't you say yes? For more information, please call **Anna Mancini**, at **631-586-5214**.
- ♦ **THE LOVE OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Meets **Tuesdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Senior Room**. All are welcome. Questions? Call **Lucille**, at **631-586-2438**.
- ♦ **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** If you or someone you know needs help with rent, utilities, clothing, or furniture, please call **call 631-667-4044, ext. 175** or email: **sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com**. You will receive a callback from a blocked number; please answer!
- ♦ **FIRST FRIDAY & SATURDAY DEVOTIONS:** Join us on the **first Friday and Saturday of each month for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00 am, followed by the 8:30 am Mass**. After Mass we recite together the Holy Rosary. *The next First Friday and Saturday are February 6 and 7.* For more info, call **Annette Arena**, at **631-661-9109**.
- ♦ **SENIOR CLUB:** Our next meeting will be on **February 3, 2026, at 2:30 p.m. in Father Behan Hall**. For questions, please contact: **Debbie Vickovich**, at **631-520-4455**, **Dorothy Gallub**, at **631-539-2458**, or **Mary Indelicato**, at **631-667-2998**.
- ♦ **USHERS:** Ushers are needed at all Masses. If you would like to help at the Mass you attend, please call **Paul Coppola**, at **631-587-9649**.

- ♦ **GREETERS** are also needed at all Masses. To serve in this important ministry of hospitality, please call **Cathie Taibi**, at **917-597-1559**.
- ♦ **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**: We meet on the **first Thursday of each month**. If you are interested in joining, please contact Grand Knight **Brian Breckles**, at **631-835-6559**.
- ♦ **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES**: Our next meeting is on Monday, **January 12, 2026**. For more information contact **Geri Cavanaugh, President**, at **973-479-4234**.
- ♦ **The ROSARY SOCIETY**: meets **every first Monday of the month**. Next meeting: **Monday, February 2**. For more information, please contact the Chaplain and Moderator, **Fr. Chris - 631-667-4044, ext.165**.
- ♦ **FIRST RESPONDER / HEALTH CARE WORKER MINISTRY**: For more information, contact **Tom Richardson**, at **631-831-6234**, [richartj1959@gmail.com](mailto:richartj1959@gmail.com).
- ♦ **BIBLE CLASS**: **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.** in the *Fr. Behan Hall*. For more info contact **Marianne Grimaldi**, at **631-463-7886**.

**This Sunday,  
after the 9:30 AM Mass, we invite you  
to join us in *Fr. Behan Hall* for coffee,  
refreshments, and good fellowship.**

We sincerely thank the  
**DEER PARK LIONS CLUB**  
for generously sponsoring this  
month's *Coffee After Mass*.



**All are most welcome. We look forward to being together!**



# Midnight Mass: A Joyful Return



This year, our parish was blessed to celebrate once again the Midnight Mass of the Lord's Nativity, after an absence of several years. The return of this cherished tradition was deeply moving and drew a beautiful and prayerful congregation, filling the church with reverence, joy, and a strong sense of family.

We began at 11:30 PM with the singing of Christmas carols. It was heartwarming to hear familiar melodies filling the church, helping us slow down and prepare our hearts for the Mystery we were about to celebrate.

At midnight, Mass began with a simple yet powerful procession, as the Baby Jesus was carried forward and placed in the manger. That moment spoke without words: God comes to us small, humble, and close. The liturgy that followed was reverent and beautiful, allowing us to truly enter into the wonder of Christmas night.

The return of Midnight Mass was not just a tradition revived, but a sign of hope and renewal for our parish. May the light of Christ, born for us on this holy night, continue to shine in our community throughout the year.





# The Blessing of the Sacred Heart Statue and the new Adoration Candelabra

On Sunday, December 28, the Feast of the Holy Family, our Parish was blessed with a special moment at the conclusion of Holy Mass: the blessing of a new statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and two candelabra for Eucharistic Adoration.

The statue of the Sacred Heart, a generous gift from **Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Connie Santoli**, is a precious antique dating from the end of the 19th century. It was crafted in Paris by the renowned *Raffl Statuary*, founded by Ignaz Raffl (1828–1895). This historic workshop is known for its outstanding sacred art, including works found at the Lourdes Shrine in France. Having such a statue in our church beautifully connects our Parish to the Church's rich artistic and devotional tradition.

Along with the statue, two large brass candelabra bearing the image of the Sacred Heart and the Christogram "IHS" were blessed. These elegant candelabra, donated by **Mrs. Lala De Gracia**, will enhance the reverence of our weekly Eucharistic Adoration.

I am sincerely grateful to our benefactors for their generosity. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus bless them abundantly, and may these sacred gifts deepen the prayer of all who worship here.

*Fr. Anthony*



# Celebrating the Joy of Christmas Together as a Parish



During the sacred days of Christmas, our parish gathered in faith and joy to celebrate the great mystery of the Incarnation under the guiding theme, **“Behold the Light: God With Us!”** These days were marked not only by beautiful liturgies, but also by moments of prayer, fellowship, and shared parish life that allowed the light of Christ to shine among us.

Our celebrations began on December 24, Christmas Eve with two Vigil Masses, welcoming families and parishioners of all ages. Late that night, the church was filled with reverent anticipation as Christmas carols prepared our hearts for the Solemn Midnight Mass. On Christmas Day itself, the church resounded with praise through multiple Masses, as we rejoiced together in the Nativity of the Lord.

The Feast of the Holy Family, on Sunday December 28, offered a special moment of grace, as families were invited to receive a blessing at every Mass, entrusting their homes and daily lives to the loving care of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As the civil year drew to a close, we gathered on December 31, New Year’s Eve, for a Mass of Thanksgiving, pausing to acknowledge God’s faithful presence throughout the year past.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1 allowed us to begin the new year 2026 under the maternal protection of Our Lady, while Epiphany Sunday on Sunday, January 4 brought joy and wonder, especially for our children, as the Three Kings



joined the Family Mass and parishioners shared fellowship afterward. Finally, our Christmas season concludes this Sunday January 11 with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, marked by the renewal of baptismal promises at all Masses and a warm gathering after the Family Mass.

Through these liturgies and parish gatherings, our community was reminded that the Light of Christ continues to dwell among us - strengthening our faith, uniting our parish family, and guiding us forward into the year ahead with hope and gratitude.



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# MEMORIALS

January 11 – January 17

The flowers at the  
**Blessed Mother's Shrine**  
are offered

*in loving thanksgiving  
to Our Blessed Mother.*

## The Ven. Fr. Anthony Vincent Gallo



**Monteforte Irpino: 1/11/1899 - Rome: 5/2/1934**

***Let us pray to obtain his Beatification:***

*O Most Holy Trinity, who deigned to raise Venerable Anthony Vincent Gallo to the priesthood, and endowed him with precious gifts, especially that of a burning love for suffering and immolation, we humbly beseech You, if it be Your Will, that he may be glorified on earth, and that we may obtain through his intercession the particular grace which we ask for with living faith. Amen*

**For more information,  
visit: [www.fathergallo.com](http://www.fathergallo.com) or contact Fr. Anthony.**

**Today, Sunday January 11, the Baptism of the Lord,  
at the 11 a.m. Mass, we will remember  
the Ven. Fr. Anthony Vincent Gallo  
on the occasion of his birthday.**



# Blood Drive

## BLOOD EMERGENCY

**Our Lady of the Rosary**

**K of C # 4428**

**Tuesday January 13, 2026**

**3:00pm – 7:30pm**

**Kayser Hall**

**759 Long Island Avenue, Deer Park**

**Each Presenting Donor will receive a Voucher for 2 tickets  
to a 2025-2026 Islander Home Game**

**Scan the QR Code to schedule your Donation**

### Prepare to donate



Eat well  
and hydrate



Bring a  
photo ID



Feel good and  
symptom free



Must be 17+ or  
16 with parental  
consent form



Meet minimum  
weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements  
and COVID-19 information, visit  
[nybc.org/eligibility](https://nybc.org/eligibility).



## Living the Liturgy

# The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord *A "Theophany" in the Liturgy of the Church*



In the Western Church, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord brings the Christmas season to its solemn conclusion. In the Eastern Churches, this same mystery is celebrated as **Theophany** - the manifestation of God - highlighting its profound theological and liturgical importance. East and West together contemplate one great truth: **in the baptism of Jesus, God reveals Himself to the world.**

In the liturgy, we are taken to the Jordan River, where Christ enters the waters not to be cleansed, but to cleanse. Eastern theology emphasizes that creation itself is renewed at this moment. As Christ descends into the Jordan, the waters are sanctified, and through them all of creation is blessed. The hymnography of the East proclaims: **“When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest.”**

The liturgy places strong emphasis on **the revelation of the Holy Trinity**. The Son stands in the waters, the Spirit descends like a dove, and the Father’s voice is heard from heaven. This is not only an historical event, but a living mystery made present whenever the Church celebrates it in prayer and song.

The Eastern tradition also links the Baptism of the Lord with the entire beginning of Christ’s saving mission. From the Jordan, **He is led into the desert**, where He prepares through prayer and obedience. Soon after, **at Cana**, He reveals His glory by transforming water into wine. In the liturgical life of the Church, these moments are not isolated events but unfolding manifestations of the same divine light.

This feast invites us to rediscover **our own baptism**. In both Eastern and Western theology, baptism is **participation in Christ’s death and resurrection**, a true rebirth, and an anointing by the Holy Spirit. As the liturgy proclaims this mystery, we are reminded that we are a baptized people, called to reflect Christ’s light in the world.

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, may the Church’s liturgy - rich in word, symbol, and song - draw us more deeply into the mystery of Christ, who sanctifies creation and reveals the glory of the Triune God.





**We are looking for boys and girls in 3rd grade or above to become part of our Altar Server Ministry.**

**The next training sessions are starting soon!**

1/22/26, 6:30 PM - Thursday

1/24/26, 2:00 PM - Saturday

1/29/26, 6:30 PM - Thursday

1/31/26, 12:00 PM - Saturday

2/05/26, 6:30 PM - Thursday

2/07/26, 2:00 PM - Saturday

*Training meets in the Main Church*

*(Enter through the breezeway)*

*Attendance at 3 sessions is required*

**Installation Mass Date:**

**Sunday, 2/22/26 @ 9:30AM**

***For more information, contact Father Christopher Deh at frchris@sscmdp.org or sscyril.altarservers@yahoo.com.***

***You can also leave a message  
at the front desk of the Rectory at 631-667-4044.***

respect  
life *called  
to serve  
moms  
in need*



*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel,  
you lovingly took Mary into your home.  
As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,  
welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger,  
and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.*

*We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated  
to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.*

*May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish,  
and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.*

*Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life,  
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.*

*Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

**Donation items can be dropped off at Social Ministry  
Monday – Thursday between 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.  
Call and leave a message with any questions  
or if you need assistance.**

*Items we accept: gently used & clean clothing & shoes - toddler / teen sizes.*

*Consumables always needed: large sized diapers 4,5,6,7;  
pull ups 3T/4T & 4T/5T/6T;  
fragrance free wipes / shampoo / wash & lotion.*

**“Walking With Moms Ministry”  
tel: 631-667-4044, ext 120  
cell 631-392-8441**

*If you or someone you know is in need of assistance please call  
the Respect Life Line at 631-667-4044 ext 120 and leave a message*

**Thank you ALL for continuing your support  
so that we may continue doing what we do!**



# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

## January 12 – The Baptism of the Lord

*“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22)*

In the Baptism of Jesus, God reveals His love and mission of justice, healing, and compassion.

Through **our own baptism**, we are called:

- to live as God’s beloved children, and
- to serve others, especially the poor and vulnerable, within our families and communities.

### **Live it Today:**

- Affirm the dignity of others.
- Seek justice and peace.
- Care for those in need.

Baptism is not only a moment in time, but a lifelong call to live as Christ in the world.

***Heavenly Father, send your Spirit upon us. Help us live as your beloved children, bringing hope and compassion to all we meet. Amen.***

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## PANTRY NEEDS

### FOOD:

- Oatmeal (Canisters if possible not flavored packets)
- Progresso Soups (not condensed)
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- White Rice 1 or 2 lbs. (not instant)
- Cold cereal
- Apple juice 48 oz.

### SPECIAL ITEMS:

- Toothbrushes
- Paper Towels
- Men’s razors
- Bar soap
- Body wash

### GIFT CARDS TO:

- Lidl (primarily)
- Stop & Shop (very useful to us at the Pantry.)
- Walmart
- Target
- Gas Cards
- Shop Rite
- Aldi



# January 11th Youth



January 11th- Painting Party

January 13th- Sacrament Class

January 18th- Meeting

January 25th- Meeting

February 1st- Super Bowl Dinner

February 8th- No Meeting

February 9th- Sacrament Class

**ALL SUNDAY NIGHT MEETINGS ARE 7-9PM**

Bring a Friend!



For information on Youth Program activities please contact Tim Leitch at:  
Cell- 631-806-4715 Hm- 631-667-8043 Ofc-631-667-4044 X 154 Email- [timleitch@aol.com](mailto:timleitch@aol.com).

# News PAINT PARTY

January 11th  
7-9 pm



**EVERY THURSDAY - Fr Behan Hall  
DOOR OPENS at 6:00 pm**